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August 24, 2012

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM:  Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.  
Director and Health Officer

SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO SUPPORT AND RECEIVE DATA FROM THE FIRSTWATCH SYSTEM**

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on June 6, 2012, to execute new one-year or multi-year agreements related to public health emergency preparedness and response, through June 30, 2017, with contract maximum obligations not to exceed \$500,000 per service agreement, per grant term, 100 percent funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Public Health Emergency Preparedness Cooperative Agreement, Notice of Award (NA) Number 1U90TP000516-01, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office.

On August 9, 2008, the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (DHS) entered into a Surveillance Agreement with the City of Los Angeles (City), Contract Number H-703446, effective August 9, 2008 through August 31, 2012, in the estimated amount of \$251,757, funded by the Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) to support and receive data from the FirstWatch system. DHS has determined that it will not renew this agreement due to a reduction in HPP funding.

Under the delegated authority referenced above, I will execute a new sole source agreement with the City in the amount of \$67,617 effective September 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, pending City approval, with an option to extend for four additional one-year terms, subject to the availability of funding, 100 percent offset by funding from the above-referenced CDC NA. This agreement will allow the City to provide software maintenance support for the FirstWatch system and continue to share system-generated data with the Department of Public Health's Acute Communicable Disease Control Program. The real-time information will be shared via a web-based application that alerts/notifications key personnel when there is a significant increase in the volume of dispatch calls so that the nature and significance of the event may be determined and appropriate steps taken to warn and protect the public, if and when necessary. No payments will be issued, pending full execution.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreement as to use and this delegated authority action.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer  
County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors